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TAGS: ECE, CSCE, SENV, ELTN, ENRG

SUBJECT: ECE - IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT AND DECISIONS
OF 31ST SESSION (FOLLOW-UP TO STANOVNIK VISIT TO
WASHINGTON JUNE 16, 1976)

REF: STATE 153188

1. SUMMARY: MISSION OFFICER PRESENTED AID MEMOIRE TO
ECE EXEC SEC STANOVNIK JULY 1 AS REQUESTED REFTEL. STANOVNIK
SAID HE NOW FULLY UNDERSTOOD US POSITION. NEVERTHELESS,
HE APPRECIATED US AIDE MEMOIRE AND WOULD USE US POSITION
IN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE USSR TO COOPERATE
IN IMPLEMENTING DECISION D (XXXI) IN OWN INTEREST.
STANOVNIK SAID HE WOULD BRING DECISION D (XXXI) ON
"SPECIAL ATTENTION" PROJECTS TO ATTENTION OF PRINCIPAL
SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND POINT OUT PROJECTS OF SPECIAL
RELEVANCE BUT WOULD NOT ISSUE SEPARATE REPORTS ON EACH
PROJECT. HE ALSO DISCUSSED WORK NOW UNDERWAY AND
PLANNED IN ECE ON PROJECTS COVERED BY "SPECIAL
ATTENTION" DECISION. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, MISSION OFFICER DELIVERED
TO ECE EX SEC STANOVNIK JULY 1 AID MEMOIRE COVERING
HIS CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
JUNE 16. STANOVNIK SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD US
POSITION RE IMPORTANCE OF "SPECIAL ATTENTION" DECISION
TAKEN AT 31ST SESSION AND ITS LINKAGE TO SOVIET
CONGRESSES INITIATIVE. HE SAID HE HAD GONE TO
WASHINGTON BELIEVING US OBJECTED TO CONGRESSES BECAUSE
THEY COVERED ONLY SELECTED ITEMS AND WERE ORIENTED MORE
TOWARD DELIBERATION THAN OPERATION. HE HAD HOPED
FOR ACCEPTANCE BY US OF COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD HAVE
ALLOWED HIM TO SUGGEST, FOR CONFERENCES TO BE HELD UNDER
ECE, SUCH TOPICS AS HAVE MATURED TO POINT WHERE HIGHER
LEVEL MEETINGS COULD BE PROFITABLE; E.G., EAST-WEST
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION, AUTOMATIC COUPLING, ENERGY
CONSERVATION, AND DANUBE POLLUTION. HE SOON
REALIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD MISUNDERSTOOD US
POSITION AND THAT HIS COMPROMISE WAS UNACCEPTABLE
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3. STANOVNIK SAID HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO SUBMIT
TO PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES SPECIAL REPORTS ON
"SPECIAL ATTENTION" PROJECTS BUT WOULD CALL
DECISION D (XXXI) TO THEIR ATTENTION AND POINT OUT
SUCH PROJECTS AS WERE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO
EACH. ECE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH

PROPOSALS FOR NEW PROJECTS AS WOULD BE MADE BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. STANOVNIK SAID HE WOULD ALSO USE US POSITION IN EFFORT TO CONVINCE SOVIETS THAT IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF "SPECIAL ATTENTION" PROJECTS.

4. STANOVNIK NOTED WORK ALREADY BEING DONE IN ECE IN FOUR "SPECIAL ATTENTION" AREAS. RE FIRST ITEM, "PROMOTION OF PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION", STANOVNIK NOTED WORK ALREADY BEING DONE IN FIELDS OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS AND NEW WORK AREA BEING INCLUDED IN WORK PROGRAM OF CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS MEETING IN GENEVA THIS WEEK (ITEM 12.4.2 ON DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF STATISTICAL NOMENCLATURES IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS).

5. RE SECOND ITEM, "PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS ON ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF CONFORMITY WITH STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS", STANOVNIK NOTED THAT SITUATION MORE "TRICKY" BECAUSE RESPONSIBILITY SHARED WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION. WHILE NOTING ACTION TAKEN IN DRAWING UP INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OF THIS TYPE IN SUCH FIELDS AS TRANSPORT, AGRICULTURE AND TIMBER, STANOVNIK SAID SOME GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING US, HAD TENDED TO SEE ROLE OF ECE IN THIS FIELD MORE AS ADVISORY THAN OPERATIONAL.

6. RE THIRD ITEM, "DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM FROM THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS". STANOVNIK NOTED WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY IN WORKING PARTY ON CONFIDENTIAL

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AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS (WORK WHICH SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS AT FEBRUARY 1976 SESSION DECIDED SHOULD BE EXPANDED IN RESPONSE TO CSCE FINAL ACT).

7. RE FOURTH ITEM, "HARMONIZATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING SAFETY IN ROAD, RAIL AND RIVER TRANSPORT", STANOVNIK NOTED WORK BEING DONE IN SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, INCLUDING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES, GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS, AND GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY. STANOVNIK NOTED THAT SECRETARIAT PAPER PREPARED FOR LATTER GROUP HAD PROPOSED STANDARDIZATION OF SPEED LIMITATIONS (HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY 55 MPH SPEED LIMIT APPLIED THROUGHOUT US) BUT THAT PAPER HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED,

OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES",
LARGELY AT URGING OF FRANCE AND FRG. DALE

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